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**PATENT**

CASE #F3277(C)  
UNUS #01-0266-UNI

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Blair et al.  
Serial No.: 10/090,079  
Filed: March 5, 2002  
For: Black Tea Manufacture

Group: 1761  
Examiner: Anthony J. Weier  
Edgewater, New Jersey 07020

**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

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Sir:

The following reply is responsive to the Office Action mailed June 3, 2004. Claims 1-16 were originally filed and remain the claims pending for prosecution on the merits. Reexamination and reconsideration of the subject application, pursuant to and consistent with 37 CFR §1.112, are respectfully requested.

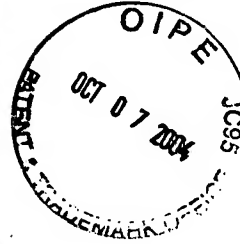
Also, enclosed herewith is a petition to extend the period of responding from September 3, 2004 to October 3, 2004.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

☐ No additional fee is required.

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Total Claims		Minus			\$ 18.00	
Independent Claims		Minus			\$ 86.00	
Multiple Claims					\$ 290.00	
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